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Pin Reminds Us that "All Families Matter"

By Anya Armes Weber

When the first phase of Everyone a Leader skill building ends, we receive a reminder why we need another new tool: to better serve Kentucky's families.

After Session 4 of Unit One, our reward is an "All Families Matter" pin. The slogan emphasizes Comprehensive Family Services' spirit of partnership.

"It means we value our own families, our clients' families and our CFC family," said EAL facilitator Rose Pennington. "Imagine how good a CFC client would feel knowing you have that attitude."

Most Quality Central employees have completed Unit One of EAL. So while you're working, show your character: Wear your "All Families Matter" pin.

CHR Building Gets New Maintenance Supervisor

A message from John Mynier, Facilities Management

We now have a new Maintenance Supervisor at the CHR Building. His name is Stephen Yount. He will be touring the building to meet everyone in the next few days.

Please welcome him and feel free to call him at 564-2640 for any building maintenance problems.

Travel Mileage Rate Increased

Effective April 9, the mileage reimbursement rate was increased to 32 cents per mile. Any vouchers received in the Travel Section for processing are being adjusted to the correct rate.

The link below will take you to the travel website:

<http://www.state.ky.us/agencies/adm/mars/travelinfo.htm>

Power Outage Scheduled for CHR Building

There will be a power outage in the CHR Complex Sunday, April 29, for the Frankfort Plant Board to perform maintenance. The power will be off from 7 a.m. until about 2 p.m. on Sunday.

Please make sure that **ALL** computers and printers are turned **OFF** before you leave the office on Friday, April 27. Please make sure that the computers of any absent co-workers are also turned off.

Updated Link: "Through the Eyes of a Child"

Below, you'll find the updated link to a moving story in *The Bridge*, the Big Sandy regional newsletter. "Through the Eyes of a Child" is a true account by Brenda Slone, a Practicum Student in Magoffin County.

Brenda visited Frankfort with Norma Boyd, a Social Services Specialist in Magoffin County. Bob Blackburn from OPS was their host.

http://cfc.state.ky.us/bridgeonline/Apr01/protection_permanency_news_magoffin.htm

Earth Day: How It All Began

Submitted by Lisa Aug, CFC Communications

(From the Earth Day Network, www.earthday.net)

Earth Day, April 22, 2001, marks the 31st anniversary of the birth of the modern environmental movement.

Among other things, 1970 in the United States brought with it the Kent State shootings, the advent of fiber optics, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Apollo 13, the Beatles' last album, the death of Jimi Hendrix, the birth of Mariah Carey, and the meltdown of fuel rods in the Savannah River nuclear plant near Aiken, South Carolina -- an incident not officially acknowledged for another 18 years.

It was into such a world that the very first Earth Day was born.

Earth Day founder Gaylord Nelson, then a United States senator from Wisconsin, recalls his motivation for proposing the first nationwide environmental protest: "The objective was to organize a national demonstration of concern for the environment so large that it would shake up the political establishment and force this issue onto the national agenda. It was a gamble, but it worked."

At the time, Americans were slurping leaded gas through massive V8 sedans. Industry belched out smoke and sludge with little fear of legal consequences or even bad press. Air pollution was commonly accepted as the smell of prosperity. Environment was a word that appeared much more often in spelling bees than on the evening news.

Earth Day 1970 turned that all around.

On April 22, 1970, 20 million Americans took to the streets and parks and auditoriums to demonstrate on behalf of a healthy, sustainable environment. Denis Hayes, the national coordinator, and his youthful staff organized massive coast-to-coast rallies. Thousands of colleges and universities



organized protests against the deterioration of the environment. Groups that had been fighting against oil spills, polluting factories and power plants, raw sewage, toxic dumps, pesticides, freeways, the loss of wilderness, and the extinction of wildlife suddenly realized they shared common values.

Earth Day 1970 achieved a rare political alignment, enlisting support from Republicans and Democrats, rich and poor, city slickers and farmers, tycoons and labor leaders. The first Earth Day led to the creation of the United States Environmental Protection Agency and the passage of the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

Senator Nelson was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom -- the highest honor given to civilians in the United States -- for his role as founder of Earth Day. In presenting the award, President Clinton noted that Nelson "inspired us to remember that the stewardship of our natural resources is the stewardship of the American dream. He is a worthy heir of the tradition of Theodore Roosevelt ... and I hope that Gaylord Nelson's shining example will illuminate all the debates in this city for years to come."

In 1990, Earth Day went global, mobilizing 200 million people to take part in 141 countries, and lifting the status of environmental issues on the world stage.

Tens of millions of people will participate in tens of thousands of local, state and national Earth Day events this weekend. Check your local newspaper and the following web sites to find events close to you. Be a part of Earth Day 2001. Discover energy you didn't

even know you had. Feel it rumble through the grass roots under your feet and the technology at your fingertips. Channel it into building a clean, healthy, diverse world for generations to come.

Earth Day Web Sites: Would You Like to Get Involved?

Below is a list of "earth day" web sites. Get involved! Join a group! Add your group to the network. Read the latest news and history of Earth Day. You can even buy stuff.

On the Earth Day Network web page, you can find local, state and national events.

<http://www.earthday.net/>

Lexington Herald Leader - list of some local area events

<http://www.kentuckyconnect.com/business/features/calendar51.htm>

Find an Event - local events around the state

http://www.earthday.net/output/state_dlr7c1s18.htm

Leave Time for Ten-Ure Convention

Employees in the Cabinet for Families and Children who wish to attend the Ten-Ure convention and participate in the Wednesday social activities must use their own annual or compensatory leave.

CFC employees will be allowed to code attendance at any of the sessions they attend on Thursday and Friday as regular working hours.

Travel time to the convention can be charged as regular working hours if travel is within the regular workday. **Overtime cannot be accumulated for travel time.**

Time outside of attendance at the sessions or workday travel must be charged to annual or compensatory leave.